

**NOTICE OF A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE TOQUERVILLE SECONDARY WATER SYSTEM  
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WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Board of Directors of the Toquerville Secondary Water System, Washington County, Utah will meet in session at 3 p.m. on Tuesday, June 27, 2017, at Toquerville City Offices, Toquerville, Utah.

The agenda for the meeting includes the following:

1. Approval of April 13, 2017 Minutes
2. Connection for DeMille & Pearson
3. AMI/AMR Project Update
4. System Report

Dated this 22 day of June 2017.

TOQUERVILLE SECONDARY WATER  
SYSTEM

By \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald W. Thompson, Secretary/Treasurer

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on Tuesday, June 27, 2017  
at Toquerville Town Hall Toquerville, Utah

Attending: Ron Thompson, Mayor Darrin LeFevre, Dave Jessop  
Than Naegle and Ty Bringhurst were excused.

Meeting called to order by Mayor LeFevre at 3:03

1. Approval of April 13 minutes
  - a. Ron made a motion to approve the April 13, 2017 minutes. Dave Jessop seconded the motion and all voted aye.
  
2. Connection for DeMille & Pearson
  - Dave Jessop showed the situation using the district's GIS software projected on a flat screen. Currently, DeMille and Pearson share one connection. A bit of history was provided. The field was watered as one. When the original owner sold the lot, it was split by two different buyers. The question was how to divide this connection into two. The separation may be costly because of the way the pipes run. Randy Pearson said he didn't think it would be difficult, but didn't know where the lines run. It was decided that he should get with Ben DeMille and determine the best placement of the new valves. Randy will get back with Dave with the decision between the two. Each owner will receive a 2-inch connection off the main line.
  - The cost was discussed and the board decided TSWS would bear the cost of the service separation.
  - Further discussion was given on the lot sizes. Each lot is 2.2 acres. Each owner is currently being assessed for the water use. There was some discussion on rules for this situation, but this situation hasn't happened before. Randy and Ben each have a 1-inch connection for their residence.
  
3. Update on AMI/AMR project (Several people posed questions or comments during this discussion, but did not identify themselves. Those that provided their name prior to speaking are noted.)
  - The board explained what exactly AMI/AMR project meant. This system will allow the district better management of the system. It will also provide a customer an end use application for smart phones or web access. TSWS will also issue reports of water use and provide education for appropriate use of residential landscaped area.
  - Nic Chamberlain asked by what authority does the board has to install these meters. He couldn't see in the agreement to where it allowed them to install the meters. He referred to paragraph 2a on the original agreement (referring to the Agreement for Joint and Cooperative Action). Ron responded that as a board they

have a right to act in the implementing better management of the system. The technology wasn't available when the system was originally installed. Utah State legislation has recommended all public water system install meters (referring to 2016 General Session S.C.R 1 – Metering of Water Systems). A grant is being used to cover half the cost.

- The audience expressed concern that these meters will bring on billing for water in 2 or 5 years. The board reassured them this is not the case and that rates have not been raised in the past 8 years.
- Lynn Chamberlain went through his perspective of the history of the irrigation water. He said that it was his understanding with the pressurized system he would be able to water anytime of the day. Now with the watering times, this means he is paying more money even though an increase in rates has never been made. Lynn added that it is inevitable that with meters a monthly charge will be implemented and added the concern that you can cut me off if I water over the allotment.
- The Mayor made the distinction that TSWS is not a part of the city. However, there are 4 members on the board that are represented from the city. The board selection will not change. Adding there are more pros than cons to adding meters.
- A question was given on, “What does the term over use mean.” It was explained in the water service agreement (referring to paragraph #6), there is a clause limiting water use up to six acre-feet per acre of land per year. This equates to 300,000 gallons per year. It was also brought out that each user has to implement conservation measures in their use.
- Mayor LeFevre brought out that meters help to find water losses in the system. He related the story of the city installing the new meters for its culinary system and they discovered a 60% of loss in their system and this corrected it.
- Question was asked if water for TSWS is going to other municipalities. Ron gave a discussion on the history of the area's water rights. Ron talked about the priority of water rights and why the watering times have been implemented. Then the irrigation company's right. 1950 the canal and municipalities were given the rights. Gave the history of the sell of the irrigation company and formation of TSWS.
- Mayor explained there is a difference between TSWS water rights and the city's culinary water rights. Mayor LeFevre added if extra water is available during off season, some water is passed through and ends up to other municipalities.
- Someone expressed an interest in participating more in the board meeting, but with the infrequent meeting and no set schedule, he's unsure how to find out about the meetings. The board said that the meetings are published on the Public Meetings website, the city offices and the city's website. It was suggested to email out the meeting notices to the water users. It was agreed to post the meeting notice with the city and have them send out an email.
- Susan Whiting asked about waivers to water when growing new seeds. These seeds need daily water. Susan requested that growing food should have special considerations. Ron said he would look into it.
- It was asked if the meters would track the time water is being used. The answer was, yes.

- The question was posed if Cholla was being allowed to water on the springs and why new connections are taking water away from original users. Ron said that when the district took over the system, it wasn't to benefit only a small portion of the community. TSWS and Toquerville town are sharing the same water source under two different water rights. In addition, Hurricane and LaVerkin have water rights to this water source. Ron pointed out that new development is from agriculture conversion.
- Joey Campbell stood and identified himself from a landscape company. He expressed meters are great for conservation, but the watering times the time of watering isn't workable on some of his projects. Others expressed the need for about adjusting the time for residents. Expressing the time of day is during the hottest time.
- An audience member said that the board wants users to trust you and you aren't trusting us because of the installation of meters.
- It was recommended to move residential later in the day. Dave Jessop will check it out water use trends to see if this is allowable. The ponds need to recover before the agriculture begins watering at 5 a.m.
- Lynn Chamberlain recommended hand watering not be obligated to the water times.

#### 4. System Report

Ron provided a brief report on the system, the springs production and what is being pumped currently.

Next meeting set: Mayor proposed the next meeting be set for July 5 at 5 p.m. Dave seconded the motion and all voted aye. This meeting is set to adjust the watering times for residential customers.

Meeting adjourned at 4:55: Ron proposed to adjourn the meeting. Dave seconded the motion and all voted aye.

# Sign In Sheet

Meeting Date: June 27th

Meeting Name:

TSWS

## Attendees

Please print name	Signature
SUSAN WHITING	Susan Whiting
Kevin Hansen	Kevin Hansen
Rebecca Hansen	Rebecca Hansen
LARRY BENNETT	Larry Bennett
Chuck Goode	Chuck Goode
Lynn Chamberlain	Lynn Chamberlain
NIC Chamberlain	NIC Chamberlain
Ryan Ray	Ryan Ray
JO Adams	JO Adams
Leseg Gubber	Leseg Gubber
Randy Pearson	Randy Pearson
Joey Campbell	Joey Campbell
Justin Sipp	Justin Sipp
Melanie McCartney	Melanie McCartney
Debara Touret	Debara Touret
Warren Prince	Warren Prince
GARY CHAVES	GARY CHAVES
Alex Chamberlain	Alex Chamberlain
Doan Hendricksen	Doan Hendricksen
Emily Jepsen	Emily Jepsen
Vickie Ott	Vickie Ott
Adam Jowers	Adam Jowers